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In re Application of:

Examiner: MEI, X.

JONES

Art Unit: 2608

Group 2700

Serial No.: 08/968,873

Docket No.: 373US-C1

Filing Date: November 5, 1997

For: VARIABLE GAIN ACTIVE NOISE CANCELING SYSTEM WITH IMPROVED
RESIDUAL NOISE SENSING

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This preliminary amendment accompanies the filing of a continued prosecution application (CPA) of the above-identified application. Prior to examination of the CPA, Applicant requests that the following amendments be considered by the Examiner in light of the accompanying remarks.

The Commissioner of Patents is hereby authorized to charge any fees necessary for prosecution of the present application or credit any overpayment to Applicant's Deposit Account No. 14-1170. If any extension of time is required, such extension of time is hereby requested. Please charge any additional required fee for extension of time to Applicant's Deposit Account No. 14-1170.

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37 CFR 1.8

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as Express Mail EE739124019US in an enveloped addressed to: Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, DC on March 8, 1999.

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